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THE PUNICAL CODE.

New York city has been truly favored in the new laws now being enforced. Orderly, quiet streets on Sunday have been the order the last few weeks, to the great satisfaction of peaceful, law-abiding citizens. While all the evils aimed at have not been suppressed, yet the enforcement of the law has more fully guaranteed certain lines of business behind blind and guarded doors.

Naturally enough opposition is provoked among Sunday traders who try their trade openly on the streets. Hebrew citizens have been particularly incensed by a law which forbids them to sell seven days in the week, and to have thereby a seventh greater advantage over other merchants.

The ingenuity of the mind may devise ways of evading the new law, and indifference may render its application slow-lived; but while the present seal continues the people of the metropolis will enjoy a better Sunday than they have long known, and will gain a foretaste of the "good time coming" when all men will favor and respect good law.

GREAT FIRES.

The recent fire in London, although large, pales beside that which this week raged at Kingston, Jamaica, destroying thirty million dollars worth of property. Kingston has had a peculiarly unfortunate history in the "way of losses." Fire, hurricanes and disease have repeatedly wasted property and life. Warehouses, hospitals, jails, colleges and churches have gone down in a common destruction in the latest calamity.

Another appeal goes forth for aid for a home-less, impoverished people. The call will not pass unheeded. The greater and more frequent the demand for charity, the larger is found the heart of man and the more generous the hands of that brotherhood of the race which is growing to be more and more of a reality.

LOWER POSTAGE.

Congress has set out in earnest to carry out the recommendations of the President in his last message. The people are immediately to be favored with a reduction in the rate of letter postage, from three to two cents per half ounce and fraction of this. The difference will aggregate a large amount and will be at the rate of 34¢ per cent. Business men and all who have a large correspondence will be thereby greatly favored.

The lowering of the rate of postage in the past, and the establishment of a uniform rate for all parts of the country, have accrued to the advantage of the postal service; and the present reduction proposed will result in a further increase of letter writing. The revenue under the new plan will doubtless shortly equal the amount under the old law.

WINTER STORMS.

The winter has come on with streaks of intense cold, and with storms of great violence on sea and land. Almost daily the record of disasters at sea is multiplied; some vessels going down with all on board. The impression would almost be given that more of storm and danger were encountered than otherwise. Yet, a careful thought reveals that—in all human experience—more of safety and comfort are met than of the opposite.

Nature's rule is beneficence. He who counts losses without the gains, who remembers the ill without cherishing the good, who opens his eyes to the misfortune and sorrow of the world and keeps them closed to the joy and blessing, will form hopeless conclusions of the condition and destiny of mankind.

The world over, there is more of sunshine than cloud, more of plenty than want, more of pleasure than pain, more reason for hope than despair; less of winter than the rest of the year. And the means are at hand to relieve the bitterness of winter, the sharpness of poverty, and the depths of human suffering. "The winter of discontent" may be an occasion for well-doing that shall change it into Springtime.

THE CANTATA PRESENTED.

"THE HAY-MAKERS' PERFORMED BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE," NOV. 25, AT A FAVORING SKY AND A WHILY BATHERING ASSEMBLED IN LIBERTY HALL—A WORK SMOOTH AND SUCCESSIONAL.

SIX o'clock—Wednesday evening last, the rain was pelting in torrents and Gustave seemed to have found a present to the cantata of "The Hay-Makers" that night, and of which it was clear straight without and the air had a crystalline purity which made the plains like glass. A large number of tickets for the concert had been sold, and the success of the project was already assured, but the enjoyment of many of those who had purchased tickets and the cost of the entertainment would have been frustrated, if not the night had stormy. Pleasure, therefore, succeeded disappointment, and, though walking was had foot, a brilliant audience gathered in Library Hall to hear it and witness the cantata. Fully seven hundred tickets had been sold and the ground, to within three or four rows of the rear, and *two-thirds* of the gallery presented a bright array of compactly seated people.

Expectations which had been aroused in regard to the concert were not disappointed, and a thorough enjoyment was had by all. The soloists were well received, and the applause and ovations were won by members of the company during the evening. Of Boot's cast, as a whole, it may be said that the music is of a superficial character and its emotional quality, so far as it enters upon this, is of a feeble and unwholesome kind. The melody, however, is bright and pleasing and is free from anything of a sensual nature. Some of the arias are very pretty and those, especially the one sung by the girls in the trolley song, were greatly enjoyed by the audience. Miss Bass Miller, who took the leading soprano part, the "Farmer's Daughter," sang very acceptably and acted the role with spirit. Miss Miller's voice is especially strong in the upper notes and inspired a confidence in her auditor's following the solo in the lower notes, which it was best suited to her voice and was beautifully given.

Of Miss Louise Bundt's singing, the leading soprano voice, nothing but praise is to be recorded. Her voice is very musical and every note was sung with perfect correctness and time. Her manner was very self-possessed and a large part of the success of the concert was due to her even and artistic performance.

Miss Maggie Eastang very prettily and was rewarded with some very decided applause.

Miss Anna D. Baker was present and made an interesting address at Excelsior Lodge, K. of H., on Wednesday evening.

A delegation from Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, A. F. A. M., paid a fraternal visit to Europa Lodge, No. 39, of Newark, on Tuesday evening last and saw the results of the work of the second degree exemplified, after which a splendid collation was prepared by all present.

Deputy-Deputy J. P. Baker was present and made an interesting address at Excelsior Lodge, K. of H., on Wednesday evening.

A delegation from Newark Lodge, No. 1, of Montebello, tendered a serenade on Friday evening of this week to Mr. Wm. J. Head, the occasion being the forty-fifth anniversary of his birthday. Prof. Kropf was also accompanied by his daughter, Clara, and two sons, William and Alexander, and the quartette rendered several very nice vocal selections.

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